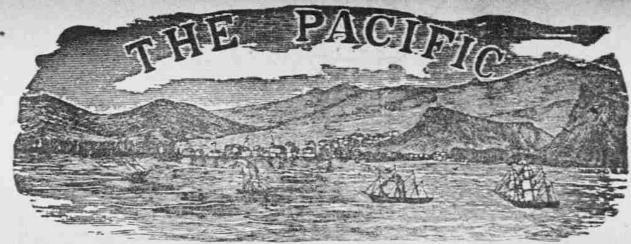
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SUGAR-96° Centrifugals, 3.9375-Per Ton \$78.75. 88 Analysis Beets, 9s 7 1-2d. Parity with Centrifugals, \$81.40 Per Ton.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, THURSDAY, JULY 14,

PRICE FIVE CENTE

NO NEWS OF PORT ARTHUR LOSS RECEIVED AT TOKIO

Two Armies Closing in on Kuropatkin's Intrenched Position at Tatchkiao.

Madivostok Squadron At Sea Again--- Japanese Repulsed North of Kaichau---Oyama at Dalny---Light Attack on Tatchkiao.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

TOKIO, July 14.-The report that the Japanese lost 30,000 men at Port Arthur is unconfirmed. A rumor that the fortress has fallen also lacks confirmation.

ARMIES CLOSING IN.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 14.—The armies of Generals Oku and Nodzu are closing in at Tatchkiao where Gen. Kuropatkin is intrenched. The outposts are fifteen miles apart. Gen. Kuroki is reported to be moving toward Haicheng.

VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON OUT.

TOKIO, July 14.-Two warships and four torpedo boats of the Vladivostok squadron were off Hok-Kaido Wednesday.

OYAMA AT DALNY.

TOKIO, July 14.-Marshal Oyama reached Dalny on Wednesday.

JAPANESE REPULSED.

YINKOW, July 14.-The Japanese were repulsed with great loss on July 12, north of Kaichau.

A LIGHT ATTACK.

TATCHIKIAO, July 14 .- The Japanese attacked this place yesterday but did not press matters and soon retired toward Kaichau.

OKU ON THE MARCH.

NEWCHWANG, July 14.- Japanese scouts have been seen six miles south of this place. General Oku with 50,000 men is advancing rapidly between Newchwang and Tatchkiao.

AFTERNOON REPORT.

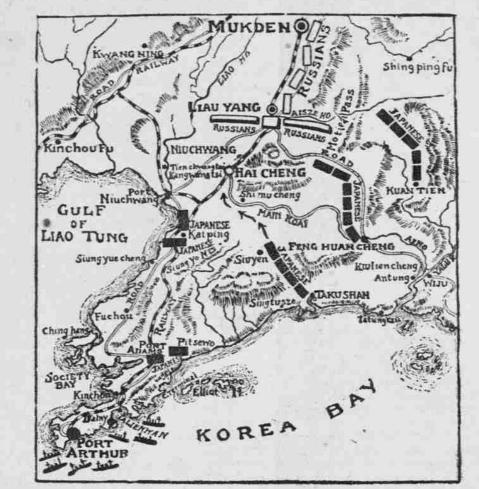
SEOUL, July 13 .- A detachment of Kuroki's army has been repulsed at Motien Pass, with heavy loss.

MUKDEN, July 13 .- The Japanese are landing troops at a point midway between Port Arthur and Dalny.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 13 .- The General Staff reports that the Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur on the 10th inst. and sustained a terrible repulse, their losses being 30,000.

ADOLPH SPRECKELS HAS APPENDICITIS

and will go to Berlin for an operation.



JAPANESE ADVANCE IN MANCHURIA.

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PHILIPPINE CLOUDBURST.

MANILA, P. I., July 13.-A cloudburst occurred northeast of this place at the town of San Juan del Monte. Two hundred lives were lost and \$2,000,000 worth of property destroyed.

SERIOUS RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

CHICAGO, July 14.-Two picnic trains collided at Glenwood yesterday. Eighteen people were killed and sixty-eight hurt.

THE THIBET EXPEDITION.

SIMLA, July 14.—Gen. McDonald has begun his advance upon Lhassa and expects to reach there in August.

MEAT-CUTTERS' STRIKE MAY BE ARBITRATED

CHICAGO, July 14.- Employers and strikers will meet to- er than between other ports in the Pamorrow with a view to arbitration.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 13.—About fifty thousand meat packers 5. Co., will substantiate this: are now on strike here. At other packing points the number of CARLSBAD, July 14.—Adolph Spreckels is ill of appendicitis men involved is thirty thousand. The price of packed meat is ad-

Merchants' Association Committee Takes Strong Ground for Lower Steamship Fares.

Organized Discrimination Against This Port. Local Means of Combating It --- Will San Francisco Help?---An Alternative.

The following committee report on methods to secure the relief of financial and business conditions in Honolulu was submitted to the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Association yesterday and will be filed with the Association at a meeting to be held Friday

Honolulu, June 17, 1904. To the President and Members of the Merchants' Association:

Gentlemen: Your Committee, to whom was assigned the task of preparing some suggestions on the subject of passenger rates between Honolulu and the Pacific Coast of the United States, submits the following, with a full realization that there are many difficulties in the way of its adoption, and that strong antagonism and opposition from influential sources will have to be met before any radical change from present rates can be secured.

Present conditions, so far as passenger travel is concerned, show clearly and positively that no consideration is given by the several Ocean Transportation Companies, either from the standpoint of probable expansion of their business here or from any appreciation of the needs of requirements of the people of this Territory; on the contrary there is every indication of a mutual understanding between these companies to maintain the highest rates the traffic will bear, and it is a peculiar fact that at about the time the question of tourist travel was being taken up for the first time with any degree of concerted effort, instead of supporting such a proposal and making some offer to render assistance, either by advice or acceding to the request made by this Association through its representatives for some modification of the fares then existing, this particular time was chosen to make an advance in round trip rates between Honolulu and San Francisco, amounting to \$10.00, or nearly 10 per cent.

Unfortunately for this community the to support and foster such extortion, and in the absence of competition our people are, so far, helpless. With the exception of one local boat, far too small are through boats, having their terminus either at Oriental points or in the Australian Colonies, and as a consequence the round trip. the trade they may or may not pick up at Honolulu is a matter of more or less indifference to them, or apparently so, up now in San Francisco, and have failas they appear to be united in maintain- ed to attempt to relieve conditions here, ing fares between Honolulu and San Francisco for a round trip ranging between 12 per cent. and 50 per cent. highcific. The following statement, compiled | ducement that can be offered is a guarfrom the published schedule of the O. S. antee of a certain amount of freight both

A round trip ticket between San Francisco and Honolulu costs \$135.00. single large vessel that can do the work? Distance traveled, 4200 miles; rate per

mile, 3.21 cents. Taking this rate as a basis, the following result is shown:

LOCAL DISCRIMINATION.

While no doubt the explanation will be made that there is a subsidy paid for mails carried between some of the above ports, it does not appear reasonable that it should cost our traveling public 53 per cent. more to go to San Francisco and return than it does passengers from Sydney, in proportion to the service rendered. Your Committee believes that if the same relative rates were charged to Honolulu as are now asked to Tahiti, which would mean about \$90.00 for the round trip, the increased travel to Hawaii would soon prove as profitable to the local boat as the subsidy enjoyed on United States shipping laws serve only the Tahiti run. It may be concluded that during the present excess of travel to the mainland, and in view of the insufficient accommodation afforded by the through steamers to carry it, it is useless to look for relief on through boats, for the purpose, if moderate prices pre- or to expect concessions in rates from vailed, all steamers calling at this port | them, and the matter at once becomes a question of how to obtain another or larger local vessel suitably fitted to carry passengers at a rate of about \$90.00 for

If it is correct, as your committee is informed, that the Oceanic Steamship Company have two available vessels laid would seem to be useless to approach them for any decreased rates, yet it is be made for them to favorably consider such a proposal. The only tangible inways. If, however, a sufficient guarantee of freight can be obtained, why not approach other companies who have a

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SCENE OF THE MEAT-CUTTERS' STRIKE-CHICAGO UNION STOCKYARDS, COVERING 475 ACRES.